

**REMARKS**

Claims 18-23 are now pending in this application. Claims 3-7, 9 and 12-17 have been cancelled. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Cancellation of Claims 3-7, 9 and 12-17 render their previous rejections moot.

Regarding the added claims, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

Claim 18 is directed to a data processing system including a display, a cursor controller for displacement of a cursor represented on the display and a user-interface for user-manipulation of the cursor via the cursor controller. The user-interface means includes user-operable means for varying the speed of the displacement. The cursor is initially set a first speed, after a first predetermined time interval of activation of the user-interface has elapsed, the cursor is set to a second speed that is faster than the first speed, and after a second predetermined time interval of continuous activation of the user-interface has elapsed, the cursor is set to a third speed that is faster than the second speed.

The features recited in Claim 18 are at least supported by Figs. 1 and 2, as well as, the description at page 4, line 6, to page 5, line 5 of the specification.

As understood by Applicants, the Abstract of JP 401200285 (Kato), cited in the January 156, Office Action, relates to a cursor movement controller in which the moving speed of a cursor is increased at the time of continuously depressing a cursor key for a prescribed time or longer. Nothing has been found in Kato, however, that teaches or suggests that a cursor is set to a third speed after a second predetermined time interval has elapsed, as recited in Claim 18.

Accordingly, at least for this reason, Claim 18 is believed patentable over

Kato.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything that, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against independent Claim 18 and is therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from Claim 18 discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration or reconsideration, as the case may be, of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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